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Junior,  
Secondary Education

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WEATHER



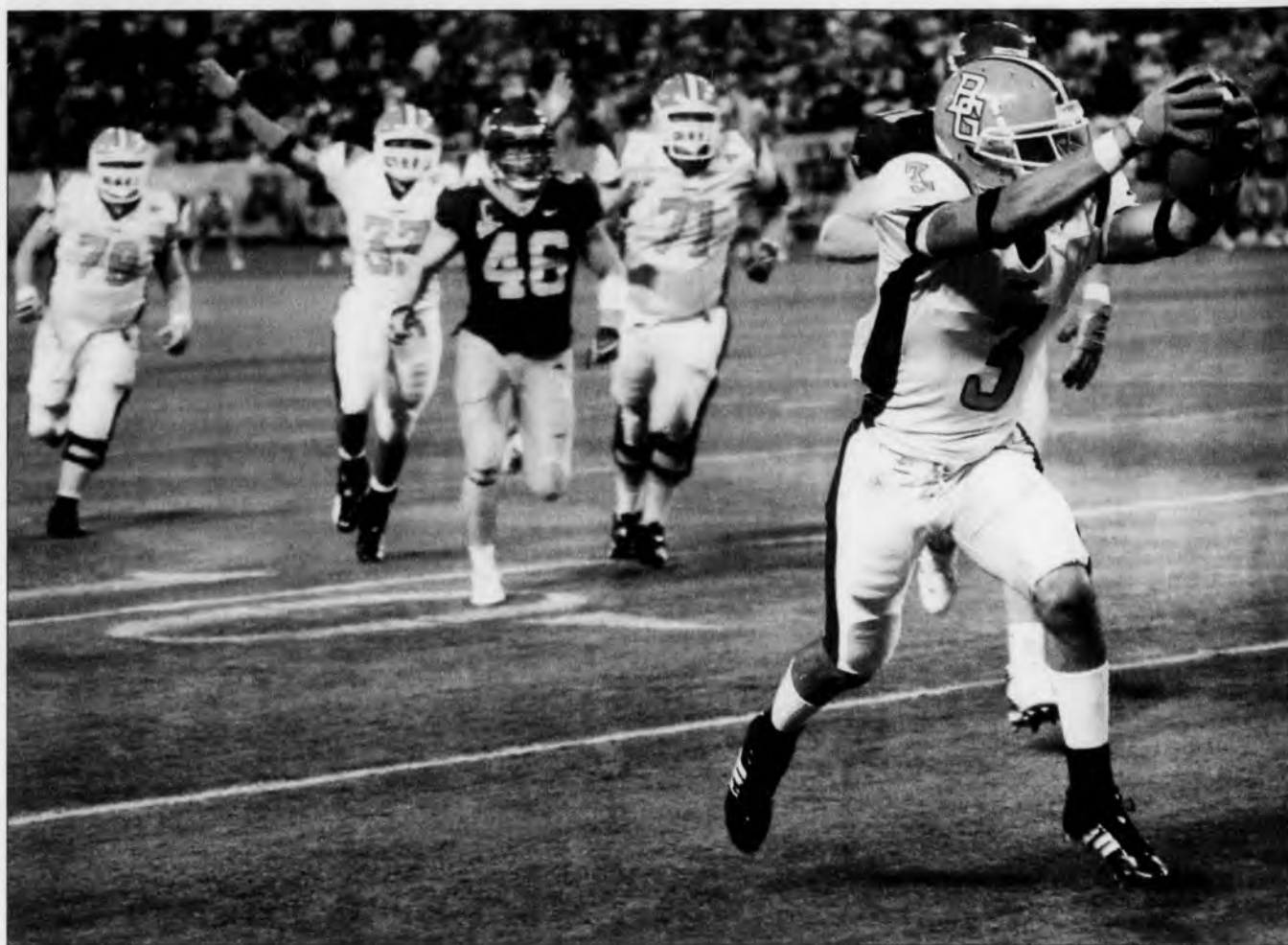
**TODAY**

Sunny  
High: 84, Low: 60



**TOMORROW**

Sunny  
High: 88, Low: 65



**WINNING TOUCHDOWN:** BG's Marques Parks (3) goes in for a touchdown in overtime leading up to a two-point conversion that won the game.

JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

# NEVER DENY IT

## Falcons take Minnesota in overtime, 32 - 31



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

**MAKING MOVES:** Freddie Barnes breaks a tackle and heads upfield during the first half of BG's game against Minnesota on Saturday.



COLIN WILSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

Big wins don't normally come on the first game of the season. But when you're coming off a 4-8 season all wins are big, especially against a Big Ten opponent.

After their 32-31 victory over Minnesota, the Falcons look to be recovered.

"We played a lot of kids last year that weren't ready to play," BG coach Gregg Brandon said. "A lot of those kids came back and fought through the adversity."

One of those 'kids' was probably Tyler Sheehan. The Falcons' whole secondary could also take on that distinction.

Sheehan won the starting job in the offseason by proving that he could excel in Brandon's pass-happy offense.

Last season he was a true freshman that was only put into pressure situations. He struggled, never throwing a touchdown pass.

Now Sheehan is the Mid-American Conference player of

the Week, coming off a game in which he threw for 388 yards and two scores.

"He did a great job managing the game. That's what we talk about with the quarterbacks all the time," Brandon said. "Don't try to put an 'S' on your chest."

The secondary did a tremendous job in Saturday's game too. They yielded just 188 yards passing and intercepted Minnesota quarterback Adam Weber twice.

They also nearly won the game by intercepting the Gophers' Hail Mary attempt at the end of the game and tossing a series of laterals that would have rivaled the famous California-Stanford play had it gone all the way.

The victory was a much-needed boost for a team that's not as popular as it used to be on campus. The athletic department had to scratch and claw to make an NCAA-mandated quota which required them to average 15,000 fans at every home game.

Now people have a reason to be excited, similar to the 2003 season when the Falcons beat Purdue to open the season in similar fashion.

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## MAC VS. BIG TEN

The Mid-American Conference is now 5-56 against the Big Ten since 2002.

■ Last season the two conferences faced off 17 times, the MAC won one meeting.

■ BG coach Gregg Brandon is now 3-4 against the Big Ten in his tenure.

■ The Falcons are now 5-12 against the Big Ten in their history.

■ MAC teams winning over Big Ten teams since 2002:

**SEPT. 1, 2007:**  
BG 32, Minnesota 31;

**OCT. 14, 2006:**  
Ohio 20, Illinois 17

**SEPT. 6, 2003:**  
BG 27, Purdue 26

**DEC. 26, 2003:**  
BG 28, Northwestern 24

**SEPT. 13, 2003:**  
Miami 44,  
Northwestern 14

# Paying a higher price for safe sex

By Theresa Scott  
Reporter

## LOCAL PRICES

**WAL-MART (S. Main St.):**  
Yaz, \$51.62 / NuvaRing, \$47.54

**THE PHARM (N. Main St.):**  
Yaz, \$49.42 / NuvaRing, \$48.29

**UNIVERSITY:**  
Yaz, \$50 / NuvaRing, \$40

Deficit Reduction Act passed by Congress in 2005 in an effort to cut down rising Medicare costs and curb national spending.

Before January, drug compa-

nies could sell their prescriptions to college campuses at a discount, allowing the universities to sell affordable birth control to students whose insurance plans didn't cover oral contraceptives. Last year a student could pay \$10 to \$15 for a prescription that would cost up to \$50 at another pharmacy. The DRA cut college health care centers from the list of providers who could receive prescriptions at a lower cost.

And officials at the

University's Student Health Center aren't happy about it.

"The problem was in the language of the bill," said Cindy Puffer, director of the BGSU pharmacy. "It severely limited the ability of student health centers to provide affordable birth control to students."

The law went into effect at the beginning of this year, but because the University was prepared for the increase they bought large stocks of oral con-

traceptives at the discounted prices in an effort to keep the prices down for as long as possible, said Dr. Glenn Egelman, physician-in-chief of the student health services.

But that will only softened the blow for a short time. Medications expire and the health center eventually ran out of the cheaper pills, he said.

To keep prices as low as pos-

See **SAFE SEX** | **Page 2**



## CAMPUS BRIEF

### Mother ruled to have helped her son hide

The mother of a local man accused of a double homicide was sentenced to two years of probation for helping her son elude authorities.

Colenne Daniels, 58, was sentenced in a Stark County Ohio Court of Common Pleas after pleading no contest in July to charges of obstructing official business and attempted obstruction of justice, according to the Stark County Clerk of Courts Web site.

Daniels was accused of allowing her son, Craig R. Daniels Jr., 34, of Bowling Green, to hide in a hole under a pine tree at her home after he allegedly killed his ex-girlfriend, Alicia Castillon, 30, and her new boyfriend, John C. Mitchell, 22.

Craig Daniels was found hiding at his mother's home, near Louisville, Ohio, on April 2, five days after Castillon and Mitchell were shot and killed in Castillon's Bowling Green home.

He has pleaded not guilty to two charges of aggravated murder and a trial is set to begin in June 2008.

## SAFE SEX

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sible, the University's pharmacy is buying more generic brands of the most popular prescriptions.

The problem is that many popular prescriptions do not have generic substitutes yet, Puffer said.

For example, the cost of Ortho Tri-Cyclen will rise — going from \$20 to \$50 — because there isn't a generic substitute available.

According to a 2006 survey conducted by the American College Health Association 39 percent of college women use oral contraceptives.

Egelman thinks those numbers could drop thanks to the price increase.

"My fear is that those whose health insurance does not cover birth control will just stop taking it," he said.

Junior Kelly Rutschilling

was surprised at the higher price of her birth control when she went to the health center last week.

Rutschilling, who pays \$40 a month for Yaz, said she may switch to a less expensive generic pill. Still, she wonders if it will have the benefits Yaz does.

In the meantime, Rutschilling may have to cut back on expenses.

"I would think twice before going out to eat or anything," she said.

Students covered under the University's health plan will still be able to purchase contraceptives at a low cost with a co-pay. Those who don't use the University's plan should check their plans, Puffer said.

As the health center's stockpile runs out and students begin to notice the large spike in prices, the Student Health Center will continue to do everything they can to help keep costs down Puffer said.



**THE PILL:** The increased price of these could lead to a decrease in women users.

Egleman suggests that students budget for their prescriptions and consider visiting the Student Money Management Services in 101 Hayes Hall.

"I sincerely hope that students do not stop using birth control," Egelman said, "Because in reality the alternative is much more expensive than \$40 to \$50 a month."

## Making peace in Darfur

By Edith M. Lederer  
The Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged Sudanese yesterday to seize the "historic opportunity" of a new peace-keeping force in Darfur to start a conclusive round of peace talks to end the conflict.

Sudan's foreign minister responded positively, saying "making peace is a priority."

At the start of his first trip to Sudan since taking the reins of the United Nations in January, Ban said the international community had stood by for too long "as seemingly helpless witness to this tragedy."

But things are changing following the U.N. Security Council's approval of the first joint African Union-United Nations force and stepped-up efforts to get all rebel groups and the government back to the peace table, Ban said.

"We must all seize this historic opportunity," the secretary-general told the United

Nations Association of Sudan soon after his arrival on a week-long trip that will also take him to Chad and Libya.

"Everyone agrees that there is no military solution. We need a cease-fire now," he said, drawing applause from some in the audience of several hundred that included Foreign Minister Lam Akol.

"Most of all, I want to see the foundations of a lasting peace laid down. My goal is to lock in the progress we have made so far, to build on it so that this terrible trauma may one day end," Ban said. "Yet there must be a peace to keep. Peacekeeping must be accompanied by a political solution."

Picking up on this appeal in his closing remarks, Akol said "that's why we all agree that making peace is a priority. It is something that we welcome."

He singled out U.N. envoy Jan Eliasson in the audience, and his African Union counterpart Salim Ahmed Salim, saying they have been busy

trying to get the splintered Darfur rebel movements to peace talks as fast as the AU-U.N. "hybrid" force moves to deploy, "because the two of them must move together."

Akol also touted "the tremendous change" in the relationship between Sudan and the United Nations since late 2005, a time when pressure was mounting against Sudan over Darfur.

"We moved from what appeared to be confrontation to fruitful dialogue and sitting together, thinking together and working together towards achieving our common objectives in maintaining international peace and security," he said to applause.

The foreign minister said the resolution authorizing the hybrid force was "not ordinary" because it talks about development and the necessity of dialogue between the government and opposition forces, and because it was "arrived at through discussion and dialogue."

## BLOTTER FRIDAY

### 9:39 A.M.

Sarah J. Singler, 34, of Bowling Green, was cited for child endangerment for leaving her two children unattended in a parked car for about 15 minutes.

### 1:21 P.M.

A vehicle drove off from an East Wooster Street gas station without paying for \$22.54 worth of fuel.

### 1:23 P.M.

Sometime during the last month several items were stolen from a garage on Summerfield Boulevard. The missing items include a camera, valued at \$425, a silver bracelet, valued at \$300 and a 12-piece flatware set, valued at \$12,000.

### 2:51 P.M.

Someone broke-off the driver side mirror and rear windshield wiper of a car parked on East Merry Avenue, causing \$400 worth of damage.

### 11:31 P.M.

Kevin A. Sernan, 23, and Steven C. Miller, 22, both of Bowling Green, were cited for throwing a nuisance party on Leroy Avenue. Jessica L. Hillary, 20, of Waterville, Ohio, was cited at the party for underage possession of alcohol.

### 11:53 P.M.

Joseph J. Ricotta, 20, of Avon Lake, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of alcohol on Clough Street.

## SATURDAY

### 12:34 A.M.

Aaron J. Tenney, 20, of Waterville, Ohio, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol at the corner of Enterprise Street and Frazee Avenue.

### 12:34 A.M.

Michael A. Kirksey, 19, of Canton, Ohio, was cited at the intersection of Oak and Prospect streets for being under the influence of marijuana while driving and for being in possession of drug paraphernalia. His passenger, Lejit Smith, 22, of Columbus, was cited for littering and for being in possession of an open container of alcohol while in the car.

### 1:00 A.M.

Kevin F. Eiser, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage

possession of alcohol and for having an open container of alcohol in public.

### 1:03 A.M.

Christopher A. Reynolds, 22, of Grafton, Ohio, was cited for public urination on North Enterprise Street.

### 1:28 A.M.

Anthony F. Carson, 21, of Strongsville, Ohio, was issued a civil citation for having an open container of alcohol in public.

### 1:31 A.M.

Robert B. Shirley Jr., 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal mischief and possession of marijuana at the corner of Enterprise Street and Frazee Avenue.

### 1:39 A.M.

Joshua P. Matuska, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal mischief and possession of marijuana at the corner of Enterprise Street and Frazee Avenue.

### 1:53 A.M.

Andrew J. Spiker, 27, of Adamsville, Ohio, was arrested for having an open container of alcohol at the corner of Clough and Enterprise streets. Chelsey E. Grove, 20, of Shelby, Ohio, was also arrested for underage drinking.

### 1:56 A.M.

Bruce M. Lindquist, 20, of Rudolph, Ohio, was cited for underage possession of alcohol and for having an open container of alcohol.

### 2:05 A.M.

Police received a call about a group of people in the middle of Napoleon Road with beer. Aja M. Stewart, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for hosting a nuisance party. Kristen M. Johnson, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

### 2:21 A.M.

Todd Michael Farrell, 18, of Kentwood, Mich., was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol and for driving the wrong way on a one-way road.

### 2:26 A.M.

Jacob Whitney Harmon, 25, of Lakeland, Fla., was arrested for having an open container of alcohol in a car parked outside an East Wooster Street bar.

**ONLINE:** Read the rest of the blotter at [www.bgnews.com](http://www.bgnews.com)

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## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Paintball USA Promotion Sale**  
Union Mall

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Service Learning Community partnership Forum**  
201 University Hall

Noon - 1 p.m.

**Weight Watcher's at Work**  
316 Union

4 - 5 p.m.

**FYSS - BGSU Campus Resources and Services**  
315 Union

6 - 8 p.m.

**B.I.G. Welcome Back**  
400 University Hall

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Auditions for acting up: One Act Play Showcase**  
405 University Hall

7 - 8 p.m.

**FYSS - Greek 101- Just the facts about Fraternity and Sorority Life**  
315 Union

8 - 9 p.m.

**FYSS - Is everyone here from Ohio?**  
309 Union

9 - 10 p.m.

**University Film Organization first Meeting**  
105 South Hall**FALCON FACTS**

The Bee Gee News became a daily paper in 1965.

## The dorms are on fire, or not

By Kyle Reynolds  
Reporter

If you've ever lived in one of the University's residence halls, chances are you've ended up outside your building at 3 a.m. watching the fire engines pull up and then learning there wasn't a fire.

Most calls to the Bowling Green Fire Department come from the dorms, said Fire Chief Stephen Meredith.

Alarms go off when someone pulls an alarm at a pull station or by a smoke detector.

Burnt popcorn and hairspray cause a lot of the alarms in the residence halls.

Dust can also be a another trigger for smoke detectors. A dirty detector can set off a false alarm, said John Curlis, University fire safety officer.

"Smoke detectors are very sensitive, that's their purpose," Curlis said. "They are supposed to detect smoke early in the game."

Very few fire alarms are a result of malicious intent, but

**"So people will start to ignore them when there are actually serious fires."**

John Curlis | Fire safety officer

it does happen sometimes, he said.

And pulling a fire alarm when there isn't a fire doesn't just inconvenience students. Each false report costs the fire department money because of the wear and tear of bringing the equipment and trucks out when they aren't needed and it makes it harder for people who really need help to get it, Curlis said.

"It costs taxpayers and takes firefighters away when they may be needed elsewhere for a bonafide fire emergency," Curlis said.

He could not say how much each call costs.

When a smoke detector triggers the alarm, University dispatchers learn where the detector

went off. But firefighters have to find which alarm in that building was pulled.

The firefighters go from room to room in the hall until they find the problem, which can be time consuming and takes away a lot of time from people who really need it.

The Bowling Green Fire Department usually sends two trucks and seven firefighters to each alarm. Those who pull fire alarms could be cited for inducing panic or creating a false alarm.

Curlis said he worries that students will stop taking fire alarms seriously if people pull the alarms all the time.

"It creates the 'boy who cried wolf syndrome,'" Curlis said. "So people will start to ignore them when there are actually serious fires. All fire alarms need to be taken seriously."

Junior Kelly Nicholas, who lived in Founders last year, said she dealt with fire alarms about once every couple weeks.

"I did take them seriously, but I think it is hard to take them seriously after awhile," Nicholas said.

## Internships prepare students for the real world

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

Most students know what job they'd like by the time they graduate, but to get that job they often need some experience outside of class.

Whether they work at Walt Disney World or at General Electric, the experience they gain could be the difference in landing a job.

The value of an internship can be far-reaching, said Andrea Gutierrez, assistant director at the Career Center.

Students who complete an internship can enhance their demeanor, confidence and the ability to work with a diverse group of people, she said.

And of course, an internship can help students when they are applying for a job, even if it isn't required to graduate.

"Any work experience in your field looks fantastic on your resume," Gutierrez said.

While internships are required for some students at the University, any internship

completed by a student can have an impact.

Sue Young, assistant director at the Career Center, said internships provide students with an opportunity to gain experience for their future jobs.

"A student is more likely to fit with their company because you've tested it out," Young said.

Internships also provide the ability to impress a potential employer, she said.

"Students who do internships learn it's who you know," Young said.

Such was the case for Megan Centers, a junior majoring in marketing, who interned at the marketing office at Cedar Point.

Centers, who found the job through the Career Center, believed the hours put in were worth the experience she gained.

"CedarPoint has opportunities for advancement and transferring to other areas of the country, so it made the summer very rewarding," Centers said.

## Colleges across the country re-evaluate their security systems

By Kathy Bocella  
MCT

PHILADELPHIA — From bigger guns for campus police to mass text-messaging systems to warn of emergencies, schools scrambled this summer to ramp up security and communications systems — part of the fallout from the Virginia Tech massacre in April.

"The challenge is, how do you reach everybody?" said Joe Cardona, a spokesman at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., which held a full-scale drill recently to test new security procedures with a pretend shooter on campus and at least a dozen victims. "Up until now, we sent out e-mails. But who's checking e-mails during the day?"

That was one of the lessons of Virginia Tech, where most students were unaware that a gun-

man was roaming the sprawling campus, eventually killing 32 people at two locations. In addition, incompatible systems and cellular and telephone networks jammed by calls hampered rescue efforts, according to an internal review of the shootings released Wednesday.

The tragedy, carried out by a mentally ill student who killed himself after slaying the others, spurred colleges nationwide to examine security systems and to hire more counselors and beef up outreach programs to identify and treat troubled students before they do harm.

At Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., a newly hired counselor will work with resident assistants to seek out people with problems and run group-therapy sessions.

"We found that, like every campus in America, we were behind

the ball for a while in our counseling needs," said Debbie Nolan, dean of students at Ursinus.

In the aftermath of the April 16 shooting rampage, the deadliest by an individual in U.S. history, schools scurried to tighten security. Drexel University in Philadelphia rolled out a new GPS handheld device that allows anyone on campus with a cell phone to communicate with security patrols.

Most schools found that their biggest safety gap was the ability to get in touch with students quickly. To remedy that, many have turned to mass text-alert systems, little used just a year ago and now seemingly as indispensable as libraries.

Omnilert, which makes the e2Campus alert system, said 175 colleges had signed up for the service, up from 30 in April.

## MASS ALERT:

A sample text message is shown with the computer program in the background at Villanova University.



CHARLES FOX | MCT

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# FORUM

"My fear is that those whose health insurance does not cover birth control will just stop taking it" — Dr. Glen Egelman, physician-in-chief of Student Health Services, on rising birth control prices.

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET What do you collect, or wish you collected?



"Concert ticket stubs, I have 15 of them."

**RYAN BARKAN**, Freshman, Visual Communications Tech.



"I have different figurines and stuffed animals of elephants."

**JESSICA HARDGROVE**, Freshman, Psychology



"I used to collect seashells ... from every beach I would go to."

**MATT RICE**, Freshman, Undecided



"Pants, all pants."

**JASMINE WHITAKER**, Sophomore, Physical Therapy

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Have your own take on today's People On The Street? Or a suggestion for a question? Give us your feedback at bgnews.com.

### OUR VIEW

## Students to USG, come in USG...

Two weeks ago, members of the Undergraduate Student Government administration were quoted quite a few times in this newspaper about how they wish to effectively communicate with the student body who elected them.

"One of our many goals this year is to have a more informed student body," said USG President Johnnie Lewis in an Aug. 20 story.

The USG Vice President, Nick Gamero, said: "Communication is our philosophy. ... We want to know the administration on a personal level [and] we want to be visible to the students."

And the USG Speaker, Jeremy Lehman, said: "We will do everything possible in order to reach out to the students and let them know who is representing them."

We like that USG has these goals. So what a shame it is to navigate to their Web site and see how actions are not, so far, consistent with words.

The "brand new newsletter" advertised on the front page turns out to be from November 2006 — apparently the only one last year's USG bothered to create.

A link where supposedly we can see the minutes from each meeting is outdated, too.

That page hasn't been updated to reflect this year's meeting schedule. Even then, out of the 19 meetings from last year shown on the site, only three have minutes accessible. USG gave up posting them around October.

Out of the six pieces of legislation listed as available

for download, only three have working links.

Such information — minutes, legislation and so on — are great ways for students to quickly catch up on what their government is doing and how it's coming to those decisions.

Not only that, it's a staple in any democracy where the government wants its voters to be actively deliberating and offering opinions on what it's doing. Yet USG isn't meeting these basic offerings.

But this small list of easily-fixed problems underscores a longer list of serious ones USG needs to address with their Web presence.

The site is hidden under a way-too-long URL. (<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/studentgovernment/usg/>). There's poor and inconsistent punctuation on it.

On the "Links of Interest" page they're listed as "Undergraduate Student Senate" for some reason. And no one seems to have been active on their Facebook group in months.

OK, it's the beginning of the semester. Things get lost, ideas are never followed through on — lots of other student organizations, including The BG News, have these problems too.

But at the very least, take the old stuff down. Having it available as your only content is embarrassing. Then, tell us when we'll be able to see updates.

We're all for communication. But both sides have to make an effort for it to work.

Send comments to [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com).

## Your song is not an argument



**BRIAN KUTZLEY** COLUMNIST

There is a trend in pop culture that I had hoped to avoid, but apparently it just will not go quietly. I call it pop politics. This occurs when various rock bands — many of which are not even American — decide to go on tour together in hopes of changing the outcome of an election. It also occurs every time some otherwise intelligent person finds deep and insightful advice in the words of a drugged-up high school dropout. Granted, not all rock stars are either or both of these things, but the point stands. Allow me to throw out an example.

I worked for a small, but effective interest group over the summer. One of our outreach projects was a series of interviews between our chairman and men and women who are experts in their field. We posted a whole series of our best and most insightful on YouTube, to net a maximum viewership of about 7,000. Then one day I decided I wanted to hear the song from the Transformers movie, only to find that first, it had over 15,000,000 hits and secondly, there is an exhaustive discussion of the moral and political significance of the images in the music video. At this point, I think I would prefer an apathetic public.

Let me clarify something. There is a way to argue almost any point, but a proponent of anarchy should be citing Rousseau, not Bad Religion. Unfortunately our music is only the beginning.

Let me go back to something I learned in elementary school: The word fiction means not real. There is a great deal to be

learned from works of fiction. The meaning of life or the destiny of a nation probably should not be one of them. Movies like "Blood Diamond" or "Lord of War" are a great way to demonstrate problems in the world, but that does not mean it is a valid source in writing a letter to a senator. On the flip side, there are the movies which are deliberately trying to make a point simply by aiming for the gut. If you have ever had the misfortune of watching such a thing, please do not cite it in an argument.

That said, there is value in fiction literature. Reading American classics can tell you a great deal about the way people think and feel about a specific setting or time period — otherwise it would not have been so widely read.

Even science fiction and fantasy has a great deal to offer. Card's "Ender's Game" provides a setting virtually unimaginable in realistic fiction which then allows the author and reader alike to reconsider everything they know of morality and utilitarian ethics.

Novels like "Brave New World," "1984," or "Atlas Shrugged" may even cause a person to rethink their most fundamental values. While I will readily admit the value of these novels, I will also put out a word of warning: It is remarkably easy to win a debate when only one side is present. In judging a book of that nature, the most important question is, does the author represent his or her opposition fairly and accurately? Otherwise the book is a masterful work of deception.

So while there may be a great deal of value to fiction, it still must be kept in context. Whether its origin is "Ender's Game" or "Brave New World," opinions gleaned from novels are still just that: personal opinion.

My biggest pet peeve is the documentary. If novels occasion-

"There is a way to argue almost any point, but a proponent of anarchy should be citing Rousseau, not Bad Religion."

ally practice deception, documentaries are the modern age sophists.

To clarify, I do not care who produced the documentary or what its intended message is. Creating a documentary is a process of finding exactly the right sound bytes and graphics and ignoring, if not burying, anything that disagrees. Then when asked about it, the producer simply calls it editing.

While this manipulation of data might be considered common knowledge, I know more than a few people who completely changed their behavior right in cue with "Fahrenheit 9/11" and "Fast Food Nation."

The moral of the story is, it is okay to be intellectually stimulated by something that, in all honesty, is not remotely intellectually stimulating. The problem arises when an otherwise intelligent person begins a conversation with "Yea, but did you see the video where..." Please remember that we live in a country and in a time where — for the first time in history, I might add — over half of the populace has some college education. Do not devolve to an argument positioned to a heavy metal backbeat. Using it as a Facebook quote is bad enough.

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Jason Sneed on how the U.S. can have cheap and clean electricity.

Dave Herrera on how to make driving out of BG a bit easier.

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## What Africa really is, and is not



**MWENDA MMAILUTHA** COLUMNIST

To most people from the global north, Africa conjures shocking and frightening images. It is one big country, dark and primitive; ruled by a bunch of thugs and dictators masquerading as leaders.

They think that Africa is synonymous with rasping squalor and despondency.

Africa is also thought of as a far-away place, with systems that don't work, illiteracy and backwardness. Such people think, "what the heck? That is where the new world used to get slaves anyway!"

Epithets like the dark continent, the forgotten continent, even a blemish in the "world conscience" are too often used in the place of Africa. The Economist, a London, U.K. publication titled a piece on Africa "The dark continent" only two weeks ago. Their justification, at night, from outer space, Africa is pitch dark.

Some even think that Africans share neighborhoods with lions, elephants and other wild animals, living like them, in caves or trees. In

this Africa, there is virtually no infrastructure, whether for education, transport or telecommunication.

Right? Wrong. Very wrong. First, Africa is not one big country. It is a continent. Made up of 53 countries. Africa is the world's second largest continent and makes up about 22 percent of the world's total land area. According to World Bank statistics in 2006, African countries have approximately 800 million people.

The continent is a veritable "United Nations" of sorts, aggregating an eclectic mix of cultures, languages, government systems, geography and economies.

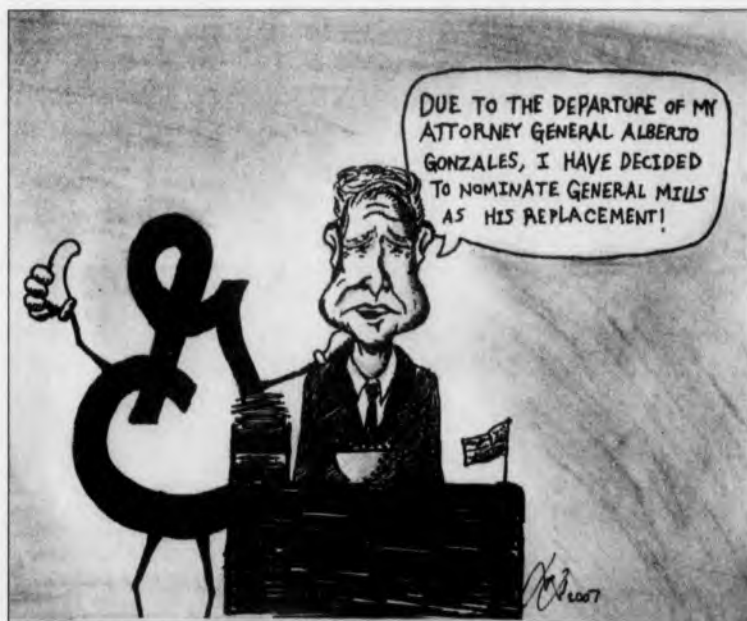
Due to its imperial heritage, Africans have borrowed from many different cultures across the world. English, French, Portuguese and Arabic are some of the languages spoken in Africa.

With a long and troubled history, Africa is under-studied and given blanket coverage where specifics would be necessary.

The continent, particularly Egypt, in the north is reputed to be the world's cradle of civilization (those pyramids and the pharaohs).

Evolutionary scientists believe that, east Africa, par-

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## MWENDAH

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ticularly, the dry strip of land in northern Kenya and bordering Ethiopia, is the cradle of mankind. This past month, the authoritative Nature magazine reported some profound research findings by the "Koobi Fora" research project in Kenya.

The findings call into question a long-held evolutionary fact that human evolution is a linear progression, from Homo habilis to Homo erectus and ourselves, Homo sapiens.

The watershed study shows that Homo habilis and Homo erectus lived at the same time.

South Africa (southern Africa) is the world's HIV/AIDS capital, a country where you are more likely to get raped than greeted. The former is true, the latter utterly false. It would be nice to also know that it is Africa's biggest economy, has vast diamond mines (the biggest diamond stone ever mined is from South Africa) and is home to one of Africa's most eminent leaders, Nelson Mandela.

Liberia (west Africa) is known for its kleptomaniac dictators, it is good to also know that it was founded by freed African-American slaves in 1820 (Liberia means land of the free) and is the first African country to elect a woman president.

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf in 2005.

Mention Sudan and a lot of people will envision Darfur (true, it is a tragedy, a theater of the absurd). Sudan though is also Africa's biggest country and also one of the two sources of the river Nile, the world's longest river. Nigeria? It is Africa's most populous country.

Africa could be the world's last frontier for natural resources, well, but for the cold and desolate Antarctica. Oil-rich countries include Nigeria, Angola, Libya and Sudan.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) has a lot of mineral wealth just like Sierra Leone, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania and many others.

Africa, true, has a lot of wild life and breathtaking beauty. The African elephant is the world's largest living land animal, so big it has no natural predator. Its trunks, though enormous are so dexterous, it could read a book; turning each page!

From the smallest African country (Seychelles, an island, or the Gambia, the smallest mainland African country) to the largest (Sudan), Africa has a lot to offer.

Next time you visit an African country, strive to learn as much as you can about the particular country. When you come back, talk about the specific country — it is not a representative of

the whole!

About Africa being benighted and blighted, that is for you to decide. Like the rest of the world, the continent endeavors each day to develop itself from a long history of economic and political development lags.

However, African countries have infrastructure, education institutions and other fun things, as can be found in many other places of the world.

Oh! And Africans do not live with wild animals; the animals have their own reserves, sanctuaries and parks.

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## Gonzales' departure is part of a long line of an ideology in decline

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AMES, Iowa — Throughout the entirety of his administration, President Bush has remained steadfast and stoic on a number of issues, refusing to acquiesce or admit any wrongdoing.

Buzz words may change, tactics may get rewritten, commanding officers replaced, responsibility shifted and the buck passed, but Bush cannot bring himself to admit an error in judgment. This ideology was perhaps best shown when, in April 2004 during a prime-time news conference, Bush was asked, "One of the biggest criticisms of you is ... you never admit a mistake [in regards to Iraq]. Is that a fair criticism?"

Bush's reply was a rambling, awkward account during which the closest he came to admitting a mistake was this: "We knew he [Osama Bin Laden] had designs on us, we knew he hated us. But there was a — nobody in our government, at least, and I don't think the prior government, could envision flying airplanes into buildings on such a massive scale."

The veracity of that statement can be contested, according to former CIA Director George Tenet, who has made allegations that the administration was not interested in intelligence that seemed to indicate such an attack might be in the late planning stages. Either way, Bush's stubbornness is either his greatest strength or his worst flaw, depending on whether you ask a Democrat or a Republican.

It was with this characteristic stubbornness that Bush stood by his long-time friend, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, during the controversy over the firings of eight U.S. attorneys and subsequent calls for the Gonzales' resignation. Gonzales had repeatedly refused requests to step down, saying although mistakes were made, he

intended to stay with the Justice Department and see that the issues were resolved. Bush also offered his support, saying on a number of occasions that he had faith in Gonzales' abilities.

In an abrupt about-face, Gonzales announced his resignation on Aug. 27, effective Sept. 17.

All things considered, it was a slightly anticlimactic ending to the months of speculation and scandal that has surrounded Gonzales.

His troubles began in earnest after his testimony before Congress in May of this year. In a testimony fraught with holes and contradictions, as well as outright statements that he "couldn't recall" or "wasn't familiar with" certain things, Gonzales was lambasted for his seeming incompetence and was even accused of perjury. Gonzales' problems were compounded by the fact that his deputy attorney general's memory appeared to be in perfect working order — twice he supplied Congress with dump-truck-sized amounts of dirt on the attorney general's less-than-scrupulous actions.

In his letter of resignation to the president, Gonzales wrote, "I believe this is the right time for my family and I to begin a new chapter in our lives." And while it's impossible to say whether Gonzales did indeed suffer an attack of conscience and left, or was "asked" to leave by the administration, it is clear that Gonzales' policies and actions will have a lasting effect on Washington and the rest of the nation, if not the world.

Gonzales' actions have been controversial — such as his bedside visit with a sick then Attorney General John Ashcroft in an attempt to get him to sign off on the warrantless wiretapping to his congressional testimony in which Gonzales said he "hadn't really thought about" the habeas corpus rights of U.S. citizens — but Gonzales has consistently stated that his

and the administration's actions were with the best interest of the country in mind.

Perhaps Gonzales' personal ideology is best understood from this quote: "Today is September 12 to the people of the Department of Justice. And tomorrow will be Sept. 12 again. We are fighting every single day for the security and safety of Americans."

An ideology such as this firmly places Gonzales within the ranks of the now-shrinking neoconservative movement. Dubbed the neocons by their critics, the movement believes America should wield its military and political might unabashedly and needs to engage in preemptive military action in order to better secure America's continued safety. After Sept. 11, a top neocon think tank, The Project for a New American Century, sent an open letter to President Bush calling for a regime change in Iraq. Bush then gave a key speech relating to plans for Iraq at the American Enterprise Institute, another neocon stronghold.

The neocons' ultimate vision is an American hegemony, where America disperses its influence throughout the world free from fear of reprisal or disagreement. American foreign policy under the neocon vision would shift from appeasement to aggressive military prevention.

The war in Iraq can be seen as neocon theory put into action, and the results have not been promising. Rather than the creation of an American-bred Middle Eastern democracy machine, the war has succeeded in creating a failed state engaged in a violent civil war while sitting on top of one of the world's most important resources. The neocons' failure is evident in the fact that some of the highest-ranking proponents of neocon theory in the Bush administration — Rumsfeld, Rove and now Gonzales — have all left the current administration.

SPEAKING OF THE VIETNAM WAR, GUESS WHO, BACK IN THE DAY, AVOIDED THE DRAFT SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THERE.



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24	First Downs	24
22-100	Rushes-Yards	48-246
412	Passing Yards	188
35-53	Completions-Attempts	15-31
512	Total Yards	434
9-85	Penalties-Yards	7-35
6-232	Punts-Yards	6-234
6-333	Kickoffs-Yards	5-339
4-53	Punt Returns-Yards	3-16
3-42	Kick Returns-Yards	5-112
26:54	Time of Possession	33:06
5-14	3rd Down	11-18
1-1	4th Down	0-0
2-2	Red Zone	4-5
1-8	Sacks-Yards	1-12
3-3	PAT	4-4
1-2	Field Goals	1-1

## BG NEWS WEEKLY AWARDS



## PLAYERS OF THE GAME:

Both these guys would give it to one another so we'll let them both have it. Tyler Sheehan threw for an impressive 388 yards and two scores and singlehandedly resurrected Gregg

Brandon's offense. Freddie Barnes caught six passes for 99 yards and the game-winning two-point conversion. Barnes also made huge catches on third and fourth down on the Falcons game-tying drive.



## X-FACTOR:

Anthony Turner came in and performed very well for the Falcons. His

ability to run between the tackles threw the Minnesota defense out of whack. Turner ran for 29 yards on four carries and scored a touchdown. Gregg Brandon made it clear that Turner would still be part of the Falcons offense but was not specific as to how.

**STOPPER OF THE GAME:** John Haneline had 15 tackles and helped the defense completely



shut down Amir Pinnix and the rest of the Gophers to just 80 yards in the first half.

They allowed the Gophers back into the game in the second half but held them to a field goal on their last drive. Haneline and Jerrett Sanderson made the stop on the third down play that stopped the drive.

## SCORING SUMMARY

## FIRST QUARTER:

13:41-Ransom 53-yard pass from Sheehan(kick good), 7-0 BG  
8:22-Sheehan 24-yard pass from Partridge(kick good), 14-0 BG

## SECOND QUARTER:

2:26-Turner 7-yard run(kick good), 21-0 BG

## THIRD QUARTER:

6:10-Pinnix 4-yard run(kick good), 21-7 BG

## FOURTH QUARTER:

14:54-Wheelwright 13-yard pass from Weber(kick good), 21-14 BG  
8:53-Pinnix 4-yard pass from Weber(kick good), 21-21  
2:12-Giannini 33-yard field goal, 24-

21 Minnesota

0:03-Vrillo 35 -yard field goal, 24-24

## OVERTIME:

Pinnix 23-yard run(kick good), 31-24 Minnesota  
Parks 9-yard pass from Sheehan(Barnes pass from Sheehan, 2-pt good), 32-31 BG

## AROUND THE MAC

## THIS WEEK

Thursday Aug. 30 —

Kent State 23, Iowa State 14  
Rutgers 38, Buffalo 3  
Miami 14, Ball State 13

Friday Aug. 31 —

Navy 30, Temple 19

Saturday, Sept. 1 —

West Virginia 62, Western Michigan 24

Iowa 16, Northern Illinois 3  
Pittsburgh 27, Eastern Michigan 3  
Ohio 36, Gardner-Webb 14  
Kansas 52, Central Michigan 7  
Akron 22, Army 14  
Purdue 52, Toledo 24  
BG 32, Minnesota 31; OT

## NEXT WEEK

Sept. 8 —

Akron @ Ohio; noon  
BG @ Michigan State; noon  
Miami @ Minnesota; noon  
Ball State @ Eastern Michigan; noon  
Buffalo @ Temple; 1 p.m.  
Ohio @ Louisiana-Lafayette 6 p.m.  
Kent State @ Kentucky; 6 p.m.  
Southern Illinois @ Northern Illinois; 6:30 p.m.  
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## FALCONS

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"It was a great win for the team and a great win for the program," BG Director of Athletics Greg Christopher said.

Perhaps overshadowed by the Appalachian State victory over No. 5 Michigan, the game did not receive a lot of national publicity. That's what happens when you're the second-biggest upset.

Nonetheless, the win gives the Falcons a great deal of credibility should they win seven or eight games this season. Whether or not they win the conference, beating a BCS school would have a big impact on the old farts who place teams in bowl games.

Most importantly the Falcons have proved that they're serious about winning a MAC East title this season.

## APP. STATE STUNS MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Two days after a loss that sent shock waves through the college football world, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr knows what his team must fix just about everything.

While much national attention is centered on what lingering effects the Wolverines' historic 34-32 season-opening loss to Appalachian State will have on a team that started the season ranked fifth and as a national championship contender.

Carr said yesterday that Michigan, which was penalized seven times and committed two costly turnovers against the Mountaineers, is starting from scratch heading into Saturday's game against Oregon.

"What we have to do in a short time here is become a more disciplined team, a smarter team and a team that executes better," Carr said.

Appalachian State's stunner at Michigan Stadium marked the first time a Football Championship Subdivision team — formerly I-AA — beat a team ranked in The Associated Press Top 25.

"There were a lot of people on the team (who) were really in a bad mood and a lot of people who took a lot of blame on themselves," offensive lineman Adam Kraus said.

"But we had a lot of missed opportunities in there, and it ended up really hurting us."

The final blown chance came with Michigan in prime position to kick a winning field goal after Appalachian State took a two-point lead on Julian Rauch's 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining.



# Binladin company defends charges

By Larry Neumeister  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Saudi Binladin Group is not liable for the Sept. 11 attacks, attorneys for the multinational engineering firm claim, because it made Osama bin Laden surrender his stake in the company 14 years ago.

Responding in federal court to lawsuits over the attacks, the lawyers wrote that in 1993, the terrorist mastermind was forced out as a shareholder in two companies his family owns.

The company filed the defense papers late Friday in U.S. District Court in answer to claims brought by representatives, survivors and insurance carriers of the victims. The plaintiffs, who seek billions of dollars in damages, allege the

Saudi Binladin Group, along with numerous banks, charities and individuals worldwide, provided material support and assistance to al-Qaida prior to the attacks.

The plaintiffs contend Bakr bin Laden — Osama bin Laden's brother, the senior member of the bin Laden family and chairman of Saudi Binladin Group — was one of al-Qaida's principal financiers.

A judge in July had ordered Saudi Binladin Group to provide additional information about where the money for Osama bin Laden's 2 percent stake in the company went.

In the Friday filing, lawyers for Saudi Binladin Group said Bakr Binladin publicly renounced Osama bin Laden in a statement released to the media in February 1994. Two months later, the Saudi

government revoked Osama bin Laden's citizenship and froze his assets, the lawyers noted.

These actions, they said, occurred well before the United States first placed Osama bin Laden on its list of designated terrorist individuals and organizations on Aug. 20, 1998.

Osama bin Laden has more than 50 siblings who share in the fortune amassed after Osama's father, Mohammed Binladin, built his construction empire, elevating his family to among the wealthiest in Saudi Arabia. The al-Qaida founder's financial worth has remained in dispute.

According to the court papers, Saudi Binladin Group was created as the surviving entity of Mohammed Binladin's construction company, which was formed in the 1930s. Mohammad

Binladin died in 1967, and ownership of his companies was passed along to his children.

The lawyers said the Saudi Binladin Group had helped the United States, building the King Abdul Aziz Air Base, from which U.S. forces operated during the first Gulf War.

The Sept. 11 commission concluded that the Sudanese government took Osama bin Laden's assets when he left the Sudan in 1996.

"He left Sudan with practically nothing," the commission concluded. "When bin Laden arrived in Afghanistan, he relied on the Taliban until he was able to reinvigorate his fundraising efforts by drawing on ties to wealthy Saudi individuals that he had established during the Afghan war in the 1980s."

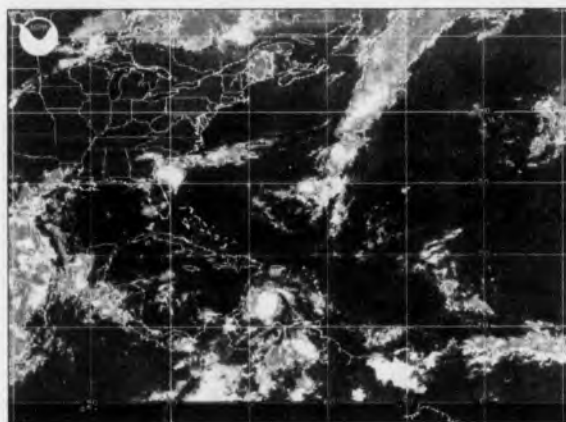
## Tourists evacuate as hurricane heads in

By Esteban Felix  
The Associated Press

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — Planes shuttled tourists from island resorts in a desperate airlift yesterday as Hurricane Felix bore down on Honduras and Belize. But thousands of Miskito Indians were stranded along a swampy coastline where the Category 4 storm was expected to make landfall.

Grupo Taca Airlines provided special free flights to the mainland, quickly touching down and taking off again to scoop up more tourists. Some 1,000 people were evacuated from the Honduran island of Roatan, popular for its pristine reefs and diving resorts. Another 1,000 were removed from low-lying coastal areas and smaller islands.

Felix's top winds weakened slightly to 135 mph as it headed west, but forecasters warned that it could strengthen again



ON ITS WAY: This satellite photo shows Hurricane Felix 45 miles northeast of Bonaire.

before landfall along the Miskito Coast early today. From there, it was projected to rake northern Honduras, slam into southern Belize on Wednesday and then cut across northern Guatemala and southern Mexico, well

south of Texas.

A storm surge of more than 18 feet above normal tides could devastate Indian communities along the Miskito Coast, a swampy, isolated region straddling the Honduras-Nicaragua

border where thousands live in wooden shacks, get around on canoes and subsist on fish, beans, rice, cassava and plantains.

"There's nowhere to go here," said teacher Sodeida Rodriguez, 26, who was hunkering down in a concrete shelter.

The only path to safety is up rivers and across lakes that are too shallow for regular boats, but many lack gasoline for long journeys. Provincial health official Efrain Burgos said shelters were being prepared, and medicine and sanitation kits were being brought in, but that 18,000 people must find their own way to higher ground.

"We're asking the people who are on the coasts to find a way to safer areas, because we don't have the capability to transport so many people," he said. "The houses are made of wood. They're going to be completely swept away. They're not safe."

### THE BG NEWS SUDOKU

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Parts of Southern California sweltered in triple-digit temperatures yesterday as a heat wave stretched into the seventh day and contributed to power outages that left thousands without air conditioning. Temperatures soared in the San Fernando Valley with Woodland Hills reporting 102 degrees and Van Nuys at 99, according to the National Weather Service. Downtown Los Angeles also was expected to see temperatures climb above 100.

#### BAGHDAD (AP) —

Iraq's prime minister said yesterday he expects the U.S. ambassador and military commander to give his government favorable marks when they report to Congress next week and predicted

passage of a law soon that could return more Sunnis to government jobs. To the south, Basra was reported calm yesterday after British soldiers abandoned their last outpost there, leaving the country's second largest city largely in the hands of Iranian-backed Shiite militias.

#### KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) —

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is in Sudan to "give a push" for a new round of talks to end the four-year regional conflict and mobilize support for the speedy deployment of a new 26,000-member peacekeeping force, a top U.N. official said yesterday. Ban was expected to have dinner with President Omar al-Bashir before heading to southern Sudan today to assess implementation of the 2005 agreement that ended a separate 21-year civil war between Sudan's Muslim government in the north and the mostly Christian southern rebels.

## Trapped sisters recovered from mine shaft

By Amanda Lee Myers  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Devoid of signs or barriers, the derelict mine shaft was so well-hidden that rescuers searching for two sisters walked right by it in the darkness.

But in the light of day Sunday, they were finally able to see the tracks of an all-terrain vehicle leading into the shaft, a 125-foot vertical drop into a chamber where one of the girls was trapped overnight with her sis-

ter's body.

Rescuers who rappelled to the bottom of the northwestern Arizona mine Sunday found 13-year-old Rikki Howard dead. Ten-year-old Casie Hicks was listed in critical condition at a Las Vegas hospital yesterday.

"A 10-year-old girl has spent the night at the bottom of a mine shaft, which is the most horrifying thing I can think of," Capt. Greg Smith of the Mohave County Sheriff's Office told reporters.

The girls' relatives were at the

hospital Sunday evening and declined to comment.

The girls and their dad had been out riding for fun Saturday night in Chloride, about 200 miles northwest of Phoenix.

"They were having a holiday weekend jaunt riding ATVs in the mountains there," Smith said.

Their father was riding ahead of them on his dirt bike when he noticed they were no longer behind him.

"(The girls) were driving along and they went into the mine. It

was a total accident," Mohave County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Sandy Edwards said.

Rescuers searched throughout the night, but Edwards said the rough terrain and darkness were too much.

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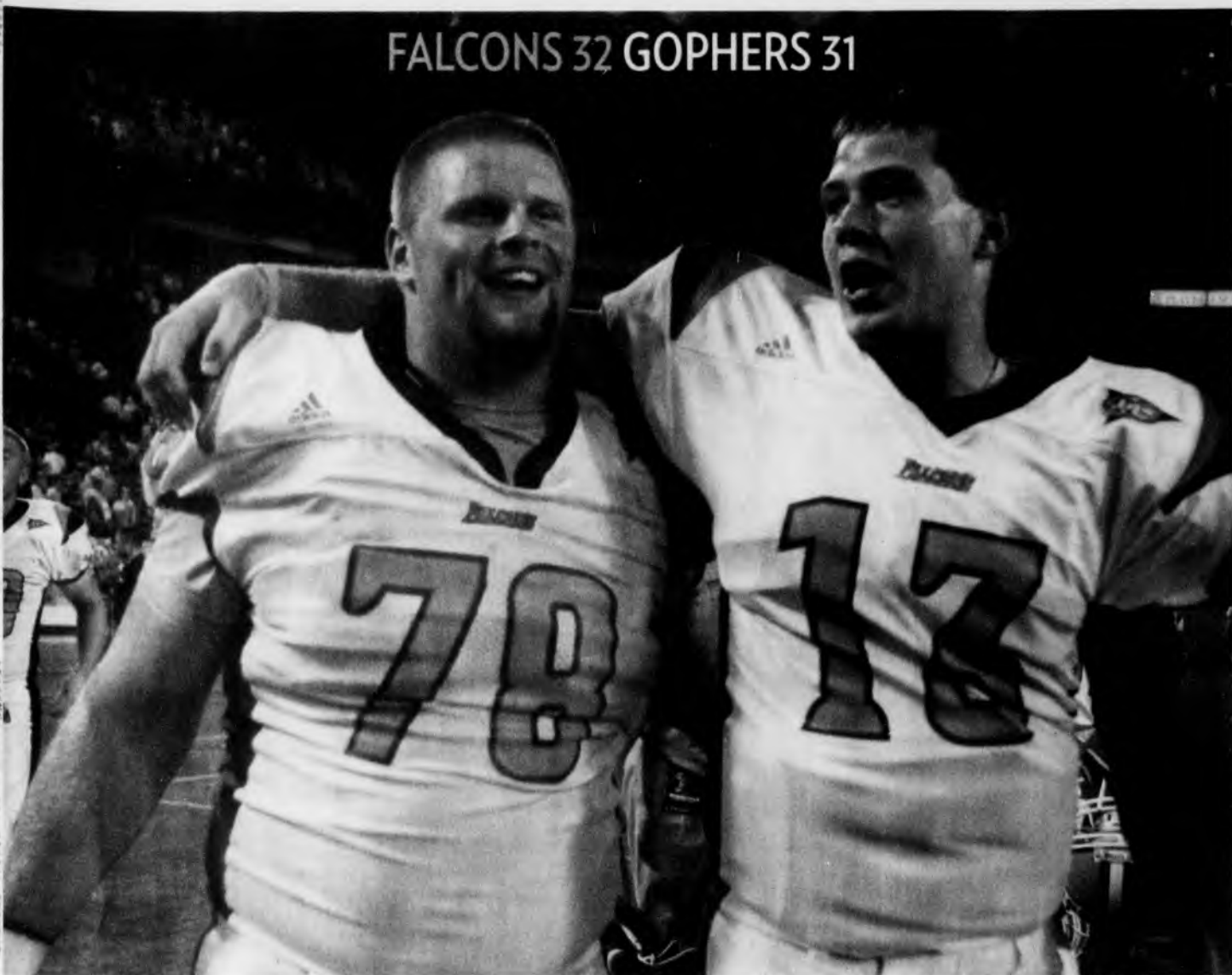
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## FALCONS 32 GOPHERS 31



Offense  
can be  
dangerous  
this season

COLIN WILSON  
SPORTS

MINNEAPOLIS — The BG offense was a question mark until 1:19 into Saturday night's game. Now it's their biggest strength.

The Falcons had one of the most dangerous offenses in the MAC from 2001 to 2005 before the hiccup that was last season. Head coach Gregg Brandon was offensive coordinator from 2001 to 2002 before taking over as head coach upon Urban Meyer's departure.

Brandon has always had the ability to spread out defenses and give different looks to confuse his opponents.

Last year, the loss of his best weapons and the youth his team hindered that ability.

"[There were] a lot of things that we ran Saturday that we couldn't even come close to running last year," Brandon said.

Now that he's got two very reliable receivers in Corey Partridge and Freddie Barnes and two backs who can catch passes out of the backfield in Eric Ransom and Chris Bullock, Brandon should be feeling pretty good about what his offense can do.

Add Zach Charles, Marques Parks and Tyrone Pronty into the receivers picture and you're talking about a pretty potent offense. Not to mention freshman Willie Geter who has yet to make an impact (give him some time).

Then there's the X-factor Anthony Turner. He didn't have the arm that Brandon wanted to run his offense, but he's got great vision between the tackles.

Saturday Turner ran for 29 yards on four carries and scored a touchdown. When the Falcons put five receivers into the game, it's nearly impossible to stop Turner from barreling through because he sees his holes so well.

Throw all of those ingredients into the mix along with a tight end and a fullback who can catch the ball and the Falcons have one of the most versatile offenses in college football.

We saw the potential on Saturday. Sheehan threw to seven different receivers and even caught a pass from Partridge.

When the Minnesota defenders went one way, the ball went the other. On Sheehan's catch, Partridge took a handoff on an end-around and looked like he was Gopher bait. But the former high school quarterback set his feet and lobbed

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# VICTORY!

Falcons win roller coaster of a game with two-point conversion in overtime

By Chris Voloschuk  
Assistant Sports Editor

MINNEAPOLIS — The new era of BGSU football now has its first major win.

In stunning fashion, the Falcons walked out of the Metrodome in Minneapolis with a 32-31 overtime victory over the Golden Gophers.

The winning play was a gutsy two-point conversion call, "rub right."

Quarterback Tyler Sheehan rolled right, and as the defense began to bear down he hit a wide open Freddie Barnes in the right side of the endzone, leaving the Minnesota fans in attendance in stunned silence.

The decision to go for two was made long before the game even started.

"In a hostile environment, especially with the crowd into it like they were, we gotta go for it," said BG coach Gregg Brandon.

"Game over. We've run that play so many times. I just liked the fact that [Brandon] had faith right away to go for the two-point conversion."

Freddie Barnes | BG wide receiver, on his thoughts before the final play

Barnes was confident in the play call.

"Game over," Barnes said. "We ran that play so many times. I just liked the fact that [Brandon] had faith right away to go for the two-point conversion."

Barnes' confidence in his quarterback showed.

"I feel like the ball was perfect so I could make the play, I could get my feet in, get the two-point conversion and go home."

For most of the game, the 49,253 fans in attendance were loud and into the action.

They didn't expect such an

improved all-around Falcon team from 2006.

Sheehan, in his first game as a starter, completed 34 passes for 388 yards and two touchdowns.

Last season, it took BG's quarterbacks three games to pass for that many yards.

With the crowd screaming, Sheehan led the offense down the field in the waning moments of the game to get into position for the game-tying field goal.

"I thought he was outstanding," Brandon said. "I thought he was remarkably poised for

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**TOP:** Kory Lichtensteiger and Tyler Sheehan celebrate BG's win. **MIDDLE:** Eric Ransom breaks away from Curtis Thomas (9) and the rest of the Minnesota defense for BG's first score. **BOTTOM:** Tyler Sheehan celebrates after catching a touchdown score.

## Anatomy of a winning play

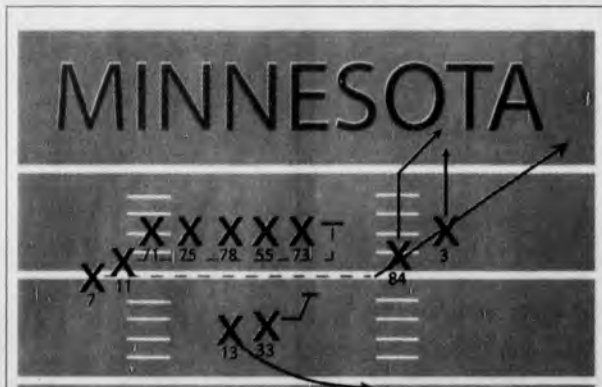


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**HOW IT WORKED:** On the play that BG used to win the game in overtime, Barnes lines up in the left slot and Winovich as an H-back on the left. Parks and Brighton are lined up on the right. Winovich then motions right and assumes the tight end position on the right. Barnes then motions across and the ball is snapped when he's between Winovich and Brighton. Brighton and Parks' routes, are more or less decoys, as Barnes cuts into the end zone and turns around. Bullock stays in the backfield and picks up the blitz and Sheehan rolls out and throws the ball from about the 10-yard line to a moving Barnes who sets his feet and scores, giving BG the win.

#### ON THE FIELD

- 7- Freddie Barnes
- 11- Pete Winovich
- 71- Drew Nystrom
- 75- Shane Steffy
- 78- Kory Lichtensteiger
- 55- Brandon Curtis
- 73- Kevin Huelsman
- 84- Derek Brighton
- 3- Marques Parks
- 13- Tyler Sheehan
- 33 Chris Bullock



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**FREDDIE FALCON:** Freddie Barnes stiff arms Minnesota's Duran Cooley on his way to a long gain (top). Barnes catches the game winning two-point conversion pass despite the efforts of Ryan Collado (2) and Dom Barber (23).



# Falcons split weekend series with West Virginia, ELU

By Jordan Cravens  
Reporter

Despite coming away with a tally in both the win and loss columns, BG Women's Soccer Coach Andy Richards saw the weekend's play on a positive note.

Dropping a 4-0 decision to traditional powerhouse and nationally ranked West Virginia, the Falcons' climbed right back on the wagon gaining their first win of the season at home against Eastern Illinois, just two days later.

With no disrespect to his team, Richards believed that his squad was just overmatched in the West Virginia match, although he commended his team for carrying out its defensive game plan in the match.

"Coming out of there 4-0 (Friday) was actually pretty encouraging because we did put them under some pressure, but even more impressive was coming back here and getting a result today (Saturday)," Richards said, in adding his team did not arrive back in BG until 4 a.m. Saturday morning.

Short on rest, without the use of four players due to illness and injury and expecting a physical game against Eastern Illinois, the Falcons' came out with renewal on their home field at Cochrane Stadium playing through the intense Sunday afternoon heat.

Striking early in the first half, BG scored two goals that would be enough for the 2-1 victory and the team's first of the season.

Stacey Lucas scored both goals in the game and also the first of the season for the team.

Lucas was unassisted in her first goal with 23 minutes left of play in the first half, but a well played ball by Brienne Eisenhard set her up for the cross.

"You usually don't expect to score on a cross," Lucas said, who only heard the dink of the ball on the post as she was knocked off her feet by a defender on the play.

Lucas' second goal of the game was on a lead pass from Meagan Moran, who was credited with the



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**MOVING AHEAD:** BG's Stacey Lucas races for ball control with Morehead State's Lauren Seebach in their game Aug. 25.

assist.

As the announcer counted down the final ten seconds of play, BG headed into halftime up 2-0 with goal-keeper Christy Zabek recording three saves.

Zabek finished the match with five saves as she tended the goal for the entire competition.

Holding true to their physical style of play, Eastern came out fighting in the second half, when Alexis Miller scored the team's lone goal 10 minutes into the half.

The two teams battled back and forth in the match as the intensity showed through physical play by both.

Numerous penalties were issued in the half along with a yellow card to Ashley Sota of Eastern Illinois.

"I think it got a little out of hand in some ways," said Richards, but added that in close matches such as this—that is just the way things go.

Lucas added that the physical play will prepare BG for the Mid-American Conference games where rough play is always

expected.

As the second half wound down, both teams made offensive threats to no avail.

BG used its one goal lead to an advantage, trying to manage the remaining time keeping possession of the ball and keeping it out of dangerous position on the field and in the corners.

"We did an adequate job of [time management], but we've got to learn that, but we are a very young team," he added.

And as an assignment to his players, Richards instructs them to watch soccer on TV and learn from teams who manage time well.

But the Falcons' time management skills were enough for the win, as players celebrated the win after the game in a huddle where a traditional "Ay Ziggy Zoomba" was sung.

"That's a great win for us to get the first one and be at home. The longer you go without a win the harder it seems to get it," Richards added.

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the situation."

The offensive output as a whole was a big step forward from last year. Sheehan completed passes to eight different receivers, with four of those receivers gaining more than 50 yards.

Eric Ransom led the team with 96 yards receiving and one touchdown, a 53-yard strike from Sheehan in the first quarter.

On the ground, Chris Bullock, Eric Ransom and Anthony Turner combined for 100 yards. Turner scored on a quarterback keeper in the second quarter.

The Falcons gained a combined 512 yards on offense in the game.

Defensively, BG held the Gophers scoreless in the first half and forced three turnovers, only to let their 21-0 lead slip away in the fourth quarter.

Minnesota running back Amir Pinnix and quarterback Adam Weber capitalized on BG's second half fatigue and combined for 240 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Minnesota scored 24 points in the second half, with 17 of them coming in the fourth quarter.



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**GOOD GAME:** BG coach Gregg Brandon and Minnesota coach Tim Brewster shake hands at midfield after Saturday's game. Brewster is in his first year as the Gophers' head coach. His record is 0-1.

"That's a Big Ten [offensive] line," Brandon said. "I think they wore us out."

Linebacker John Haneline said that coming out of half time the defense knew that the Gophers would come out swinging.

"It's just Big Ten football," Haneline said. "They're gonna grind and everything. We knew we were going to be in a war when we came in at halftime."

"We had a lead but we knew they were gonna come back and punch us in the mouth."

After taking that second half

punch, BG responded late.

Sheehan led the two-minute offense down the field and set up a Sinisa Vrtilo 35-yard field goal to tie up the score at 24.

Vrtilo's clutch kick allowed the Falcons to let out a sigh of relief. Their kicking game has been one of the biggest problems over the past few seasons.

After the game, Brandon praised his team for not giving up.

"Character shows up in the face of adversity," Brandon said. "The kids responded and that's why I'm so proud of them."

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dangerous when Josh Harris and Cole Wagner were on the field together. Turner's ability is reminiscent of when P.J. Pope used to take direct snaps and exploit defenses when they were spread out.

Perhaps the most intriguing factor is Sheehan. The sophomore did not make any bad decisions. He threw the ball away when needed. He checked down when he needed to. And perhaps his biggest improvement, he got rid of the ball quickly. His coach will be the first one to tell you that improvements for Sheehan were inevitable.

"I don't think last year was a fair evaluation," Brandon said. "He came into tough situations

... We brought him in when we were down."

"[He's had] the whole off-season to work on the system and learn the system."

It's still too early to say, but the Falcons have the potential to score a lot of points this season. They scored their second touchdown with 8:22 left in the first quarter Saturday. Their time of possession was 2:30 at that point and they'd run eight plays. Sheehan was 6-for-6 for 124 yards on his first two drives.

However we look at it, BG's offensive performance was a big step in the right direction Saturday.

The high-powered offense that we all grew to love may be back sooner than we thought.

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**THANK GOD:** The Falcons' Kyle Cutler leads the team prayer after the Falcons won 32-31 against Minnesota in overtime.

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# Tribe now 5-0 against Santana

By Dave Campbell  
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — If the Cleveland Indians avoid a colossal collapse and finish with the AL Central title at the end of this month, they can count their mastery of Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins as one of the reasons for the success.

C.C. Sabathia threw eight shutout innings, and the Indians topped Santana and the Twins once more with a 5-0 victory yesterday that extended their lead over the defending division champs to 10 1/2 games.

Cleveland is 12-4 against Minnesota and 5-0 against the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner this year.

"He's a great pitcher, one of the best in the game," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "Fortunately for us, we had our guy out there who is also one of the best in the game."

The last time a Twins pitcher went 0-5 in one season against the same opponent was 1974, when Joe Decker lost five straight to the Oakland Athletics. Ryan Garko homered, and each of the three batters walked by the left-hander scored. Santana (14-11) gave up six hits and four runs in six innings, and he struck out three.

"It's never a fun at-bat," Garko said. "When we see the schedule coming up we all kind of roll our eyes and say, 'Here he comes again.' I think, though, the more you see a pitcher — no matter how good his stuff is — the more ready you are to face him."

Sabathia (16-7) bested Santana for the second time in a week. He gave up six hits and one walk while



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**WAY BACK AND GONE:** Ryan Garko watches his home run off Johan Santana leave the park yesterday. The Indians won 5-0.

striking out six in his ninth straight start with two runs allowed or fewer. Sabathia is 4-1 with a 1.51 ERA against the Twins this year.

"I don't have to face him. The guys in the lineup do," Sabathia said. "They're doing a great job, and I just go out and try to focus on their lineup."

That lineup hasn't provided much resistance at all. In six starts against Cleveland, Santana has received just eight runs of support.

"Like I always say, 'It's not just about one guy or one pitcher or one player,'" Santana said. "It takes a whole team to win a game. That wasn't the case today, and that's why we lost the game."

Minnesota was as many as 12 1/2 games behind the Detroit Tigers last season before rebounding to win the division, but a year ago on this date the Twins had already cut the lead to five games.

They're not playing nearly as well as last season, either, and that includes Santana. He is clearly still one of baseball's most dominant pitchers, but the Indians have not been intimidated one bit.

Manager Ron Gardenhire was visibly frustrated, though much more concerned by his team's lack of offensive life and flawed fundamentals than the disappearance of Santana's invincibility.

"He's gone out and given us a chance to win every stinking baseball game," Gardenhire said.

Cleveland had at least two runners in each of the first three innings, scoring once in each of

those frames. Travis Hafner hit a hard chopper over the mound with two on and no outs in the first that Santana snared to start what would have been an easy double play.

Shortstop Jason Bartlett dropped the ball, though, for his 24th error to load the bases. Victor Martinez hit a sacrifice fly later in the inning.

Franklin Gutierrez hit a sacrifice fly in the third, after Bartlett mistakenly cut off a throw from right fielder Michael Cuddyer that had a chance to get Martinez advancing to third base.

Alexi Casilla had a career-high four hits, but he was thrown out trying to go from second to third on a sharp grounder to shortstop in the first inning.

With one no-decision, Santana posted a 4.38 ERA in 39 innings over his six starts against the division leaders this year. This is the first time in his career he's lost more than twice to the same team.

From 2003 to 2006, Santana posted astounding statistics after the All-Star break: 40 wins, 4 losses and a 2.07 ERA in 59 starts. In the second half this year, he is 4-5 with a 3.82 ERA.

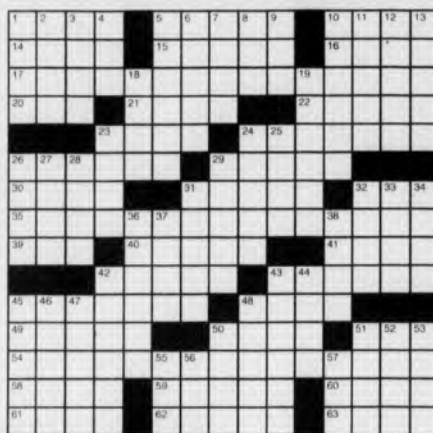
That sums up this disappointing season for Minnesota.

"We're the champions still from last year, and we're not playing like it. That's the bottom line," Santana said, adding some credit for Cleveland: "They're comfortable. They have a lot of confidence, and that's how you win games. If you look around, we're not half that."

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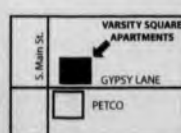
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